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Applicants : Hiroshi MINAGAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2671

Appln. No. : 10/084,322

Examiner:

Filed : February 28, 2002

For : ELECTRONIC COMIC VIEWING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the appropriate paragraph is attached at the end of this Preliminary Amendment):

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 1 as follows:

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---CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

A1 The present disclosure relates to subject matter contained in Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-059345, filed on March 2, 2001, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.---

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+140=	\$	+280=	\$0.00
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